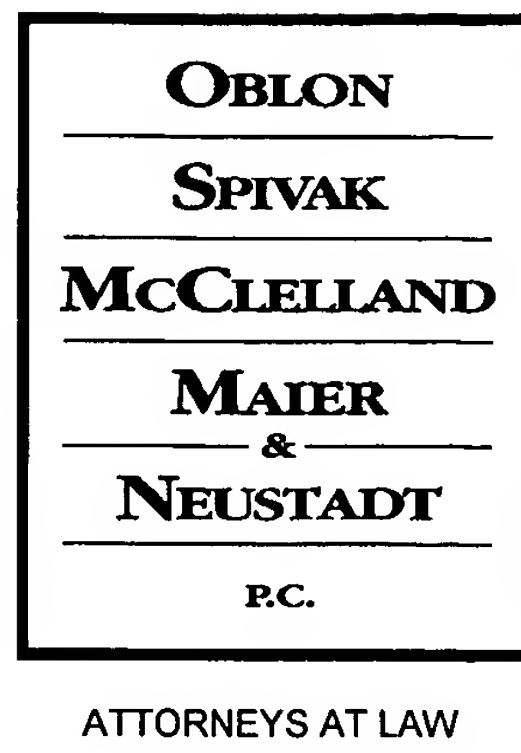




10/620386

Docket No.: 239958US0

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



RE: Inventor: Noriyuki HARA, et al.  
Patent No.: 6,940,042 B2  
Issued: September 6, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: Elve, Maria Alexandra  
For: FLUX-CORED WIRE FOR GAS-SHIELDED ARC  
WELDING

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Certificate  
SEP 28 2005  
of Correction

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION FORM PTO 1050**  
**COPIES OF ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM AND DATE-STAMPED FILING RECEIPT**  
**(FILED MAY 24, 2005)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.  
Norman F. Oblon

Frederick D. Vastine, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 27,013

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220

Joseph Scafetta, Jr.  
Registration No. 26,803

SEP 28 2005



Docket No.: 239958US0

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RE: Inventor: Noriyuki HARA, et al.  
Patent No.: 6,940,042 B2  
Issued: September 6, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: Elve, Maria Alexandra  
For: FLUX-CORED WIRE FOR GAS-SHIELDED ARC  
WELDING

SIR:

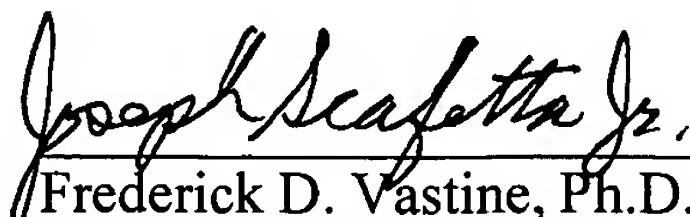
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION FORM PTO 1050**  
**COPIES OF ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM AND DATE-STAMPED FILING RECEIPT**  
**(FILED MAY 24, 2005)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.  
Norman F. Oblon

  
Frederick D. Vastine, Ph.D.

Registration No. 27,013  
Joseph Scafetta, Jr.  
Registration No. 26,803

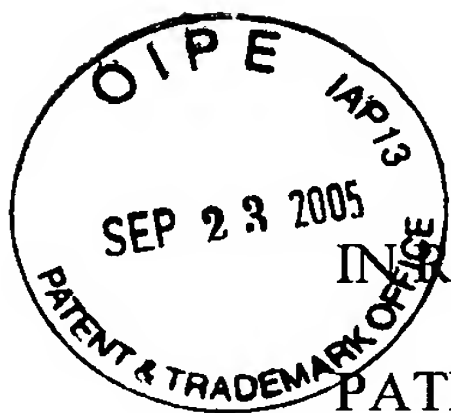
Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220

SEP 28 2005

DOCKET NO.: 239958US0/hse



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Noriyuki HARA, et al.

PATENT NO.: 6,940,042 *B2*

GROUP: 1725

ISSUED: September 6, 2005

EXAMINER: Elve, Maria Alexandra

FOR: FLUX-CORED WIRE FOR GAS-SHIELDED ARC WELDING

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

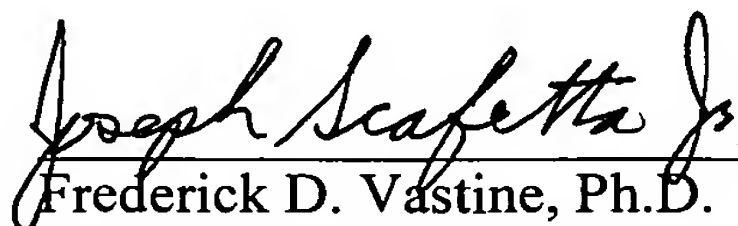
The following is a request for a Certificate of Correction in Serial Number 10/620,386, now Patent Number 6,940,042.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice, which implement 35 USC 254, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to issue a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent.

In light of the fact that the errors were the fault of the Patent Office, no fees are required. The requested corrections are listed on FORM P.T.O. 1050.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.  
Norman F. Oblon

  
Frederick D. Vastine, Ph.D.

Registration No. 27,013

Joseph Scafetta, Jr.  
Registration No. 26,803

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 05/05)

SEP 28 2005

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO.: **6,940,042 B2**  
DATED: **Sep. 6, 2005**  
INVENTOR(S): **HARA, et al.**

It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, Item (73), the Assignee information is incorrect. Item (73) should read:

-- (73) Assignee: **Kabushiki Kaisha Kobe Seiko Sho**  
**(Kobe Steel, Ltd.) Kobe (JP)** --

Mailing address of sender:

Patent No. **6,940,042**

Customer Number

**22850**

No. of add'l copies  
@ .30 per page

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 03/02)



SEP 28 2005

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : 6,940,042 *B2*  
DATED: Sep. 6, 2005  
INVENTOR(S): HARA, et al.

It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, Item (73), the Assignee information is incorrect. Item (73) should read:

-- (73) Assignee: **Kabushiki Kaisha Kobe Seiko Sho**  
**(Kobe Steel, Ltd.)** Kobe (JP) --

Mailing address of sender:

Patent No. 6,940,042

Customer Number  
**22850**

No. of add'l copies  
@ .30 per page

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 03/02)



SEP 28 2005



IM&N File No. 239958US0

al No. 10/620,386

e matter of the Application of: Noriyuki HARA, et al.

FLUX-CORED WIRE FOR GAS-SHIELDED ARC WELDING

Dept.: IP-II

By: NFO/sal

Due Date: 06/08/05

following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

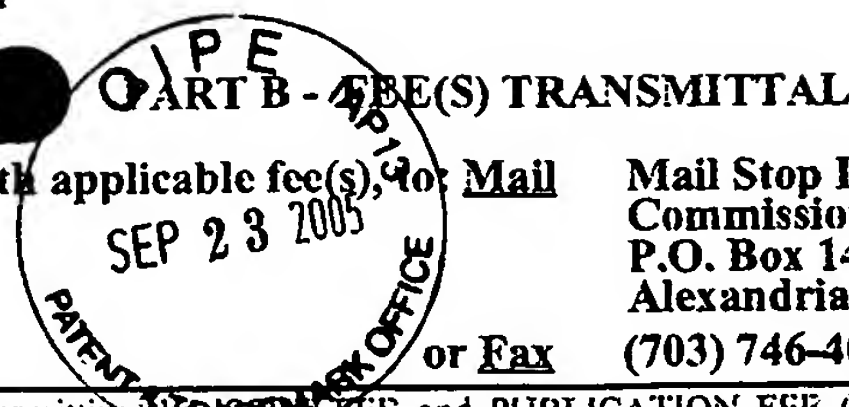
redit Card Form for \$1,730.00 ■ Dep. Acct. Order Form  
ssue Fee \$1400.00 + Pub. Fee \$300.00 + Adv. Patent Copies \$30.00)

ssue Fee Transmittal

dvance Patent Copies (10)



SEP 28 2005



Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to: Mail

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
(703) 746-4000

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be used for transmitting the ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Blocks 1 through 5 should be completed where appropriate. All further correspondence including the Patent, advance orders and notification of maintenance fees will be mailed to the current correspondence address as indicated unless corrected below or directed otherwise in Block 1, by (a) specifying a new correspondence address; and/or (b) indicating a separate "FEE ADDRESS" for maintenance fee notifications.

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (Note: Use Block 1 for any change of address)

22850

7590

03/18/2005

Note: A certificate of mailing can only be used for domestic mailings of the Fee(s) Transmittal. This certificate cannot be used for any other accompanying papers. Each additional paper, such as an assignment or formal drawing, must have its own certificate of mailing or transmission.

CUSTOMER NUMBER  
**22850**

Certificate of Mailing or Transmission

I hereby certify that this Fee(s) Transmittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop ISSUE FEE address above, or being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO (703) 746-4000, on the date indicated below.

(Depositor's name)
(Signature)
(Date)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/620,386	07/17/2003	Noriyuki Hara	239958US0	9624

TITLE OF INVENTION: FLUX-CORED WIRE FOR GAS-SHIELDED ARC WELDING

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400	\$300	\$1700	06/08/2005

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
ELVE, MARIA ALEXANDRA	1725	219-145220

1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).  
☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.  
☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.

2. For printing on the patent front page, list  
(1) the names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively,  
(2) the name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed.

1. OBLON, SPIVAK,  
2. McCLELLAND, MAIER  
3. & NEUSTADT, P.C.

3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document has been filed for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

Kabushiki Kaisha Kobe Seiko Sho  
(Kobe Steel, Ltd.)

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

Kobe-shi, JAPAN

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☒ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

4a. The following fee(s) are enclosed:

- ☒ Issue Fee  
☒ Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)  
☒ Advance Order - # of Copies -10-

4b. Payment of Fee(s):

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee(s) is enclosed.  
☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized by charge the required fee(s), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 15-0030 (enclose an extra copy of this form).

5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. NOTE: The Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if required) will not be accepted from anyone other than the applicant; a registered attorney or agent; or the assignee or other party in interest as shown by the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Authorized Signature

Joseph Scafetta, Jr.  
Joseph Scafetta, Jr.

Date

SEP 23 2005

Typed or printed name

Registration No.

Reg. No. 26,803

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.311. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.